GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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CHARTERED FLIGHTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether chartered flights from various countries to Indian airports are being encouraged;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to simplify the procedure for permitting international airlines to fly from various airports of the country including Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b): As per revised guidelines, foreign tourist Charter flights can land at all 12 international airports. Additionally they can also land at airports having immigration and customs facilities.

(c) and (d): The issues concerning grant of traffic rights, which are sovereign i n nature, enabling international airlines t o operate scheduled services from different airports in the country are decided during the bilateral talks at the Government level between India and the country of the concerned foreign airline. This is an internationally accepted practice and followed world over. Bilateral traffic rights are given on reciprocal basis keeping in view the demand between different sectors.